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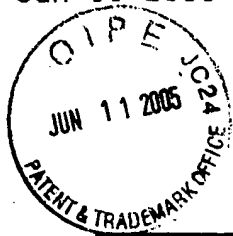
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AND SPLITTERS FOR REDUCING
SENSITIVITY TO MANUFACTURING
TOLERANCES

Attorney Docket No.: MEMS-0131-D1

Art Unit:

2872

Examiner:

Amari, A.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified application has the following comments on the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. Claims 1-6 and 11-15 are allowed.

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the effort expended in examining the present application. However, Applicant would like to point out that the Examiner's reasons for allowance recites specific novel aspects of the present invention as defined in claim 1 and claim 11. Consequently, Applicant would simply like to remind the Patent Office that the present application has been allowed due to the content of the individual claims (i.e., the combinations themselves) not just the individual elements.

Further, the dependent claims recite additional subject matter, which is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Therefore, Applicant's claimed combinations are allowable at least for the reasons noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, the patentability of these claims should not be read as being limited only to the features discussed in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance.

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CONCLUSION

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Respectfully Submitted,

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